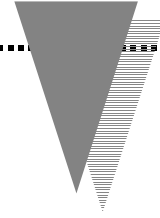


High School Exit Exam (HSEE)



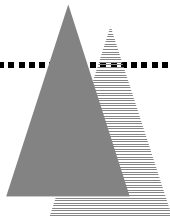
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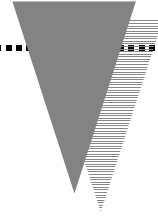
- ◆ Authorized in Senate Bill 2,
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- ◆ Purpose:
 - To ensure that pupils who graduate from high school have demonstrated grade level competency in reading, writing, and mathematics consistent with the State Board of Education adopted academic content standards



HSEE Development

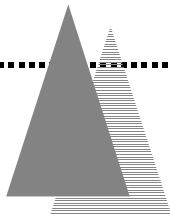
- ◆ **To be developed or adapted from existing tests**
- ◆ **High School Exit Examination Panel appointed by SPI and approved by SBE:**
 - **to assist in design and composition of the exam**
 - **to ensure exam is aligned with state content standards**

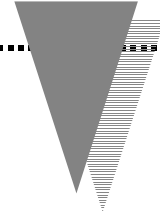




HSEE Key Dates

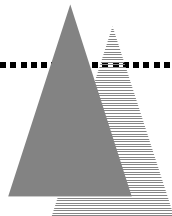
- ◆ **Field test in spring 2000**
- ◆ **Independent evaluation of field test results by July 1, 2000**
- ◆ **State Board of Education adoption of HSEE by October 1, 2000**





HSEE Key Dates

- ◆ **Annual district notification of HSEE requirement for graduation to parents/guardians beginning 2000-01**
- ◆ **HSEE offered to students at grade 9 beginning 2000-01**
- ◆ **All students at grade 10 required to take HSEE beginning 2001-02**
- ◆ **Each student required to pass HSEE to receive high school diploma beginning 2003-04**





High School Exit Examination Key Considerations:

- ◆ **Alignment to standards**
- ◆ **Instructional and curricular validity**
- ◆ **Criterion-referenced examination**
- ◆ **Results to pupils within eight weeks**



High School Exit Examination Special Considerations

Districts may defer the HSEE requirement for English language learners:

- ◆ **up to 24 months from enrollment in California public schools**
- ◆ **until the student has completed six months of instruction in reading, writing, and comprehension in English**



High School Exit Examination Special Considerations

Students with exceptional needs:

- ◆ will be administered the examination with appropriate accommodations as required in each student's IEP
- ◆ must pass the HSEE unless IEP does not lead to high school diploma



High School Exit Examination Student Assistance:

- ◆ **Summer school funds to focus on students in grades 7-12 who do not demonstrate sufficient progress**
- ◆ **Summer school for students after completion of grade 12, if examination not passed**



HSEE Panel

- ◆ Has met monthly since July 1999
- ◆ Developed guiding principles for the exam
- ◆ Reviewed other states' exit examinations and California's augmentation examination
- ◆ Proposed English-language arts and mathematics standards for the exam
- ◆ Received public input on the proposed standards
- ◆ Heard presentations from experts on the Texas exit examination, legal issues, and test accommodations
- ◆ Reviewed items for spring 2000 field test



Information on the Internet

**Additional information about
the HSEE is posted on the
California Department of
Education website at
[http://www.cde.ca.gov/
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